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SUBJECT: NOTARIALS:(COMPLAINT RE-DENIAL OF SERVICE)

REF STATE 73933 MARCH 26, 1976

1. IF DOCUMENT WHICH AN APPLICANT WISHES TO HAVE CERTIFIED AS A TRUE COPY IS TO USED IN MEXICO AND IS OF US ORIGIN, IT IS NECESSARY THAT IT BE AUTHENTICATED BY A MEXICAN CONSUL. FREQUENTLY, AMERICANS APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AS TRUE COPIES BELIEVE THAT THIS TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OBTAINING ANY NECESSITY OF HAVING THE DOCUMENTS AUTHENTICATED, WHICH IT DOES NOT. THEREFORE, IT IS OUR PRACTICE TO REFUSE THIS SERVICE ON THE GROUNDS THAT HAVING THE DOCUMENT CERTIFIED AS A TRUE COPY DOES NOT FULFILL THE NECESSARY LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USE IN MEXICO, AND IS ALSO A WASTE OF THE APPLICANT'S TIME AND AN UNNECESSARY EXPENSE. ALSO, SINCE IN THE PAST SOME PERSONS HAVE USED THIS METHOD OF TRYING TO AVOID THE NECESSARY PROCEDURE AND HAVE EVEN TOLD MEXICAN OFFICIALS THAT OUR CERTIFICATION MAKES THEIR PROCEDURE UNNECESSARY, WE TRY TO AVOID, BY DENIAL OF SERVICE, ANY APPEARANCE OF LACK OF RESPECT FOR MEXICAN LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. IF THE SITUATION WHICH AROSE CONCERNING THE REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION SERVICES BY ROY GOODMAN, JR. DOES NOT MEET THE PARTICULARS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WE CAN GIVE NO OTHER EXPLANATION. THE NOTARIAL CLERK DURING DECEMBER, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED, BUT SAYS THAT SHE DOES NOT REMEMBER THIS PARTICULAR CASE, ALTHOUGH SHE IS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE PROCEDURES OF THIS OFFICE. ALSO, THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN OUR COMPLAINT FILE ON THIS PARTICULAR CASE OR, IN FACT, ANY INDICATION THAT MR.GOODMAN MADE A

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COMPLAINT TO ANYONE IN THIS OFFICE. THE NOTARIALS OFFICER AT THE

TIME, NOW ROTATED TO ANOTHER SECTION, DOES NOT REMEMBER THE CASE,
BUT NOTES THAT THE QUESTION AROSE FREQUENTLY DURING HER TENURE
AND WAS ANSWERED ALONG THE LINES ABOVE. MISS LOIS I. SHIPP, THE
OTHER OFFICER IN THE SECTION AT THE TIME, IS IN WASHINGTON AT
FSI. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THAT SHE WOULD REMEMBER THS CASE,
IF SHE WERE CONTACTED.
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